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USEFUL FOR SELECTIVE INHIBITION OF THE COAGULATION CASCADE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Serial No. 10/680,723, filed October 7, 2003, please make the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 122 of this paper.